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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of **Kehsing J. CHOU, et al.** Docket No. A8009
Appln. No. **09/399,682** Group Art Unit 2172
Confirmation No. 2544 Examiner NGUYEN, Tam V.
Filed September 21, 1999
For: ARCHITECTURE TO ENABLE SEARCH GATEWAYS AS PART OF FEDERATED SEARCH

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 **RECEIVED**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following remarks are provided in response to the Office Action dated Oct. 9, 2002.

REMARKS

General remarks.

Claims 1-21 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the outstanding prior art rejections in view of the remarks which follow.

The prior art rejections.

Subramaniam in view of Deisinger

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17, and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subramaniam et al. (US 5859972) in view of Deisinger. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, first with respect to independent claim 1, in view of its requirements for:

receiving a request for data at a federated data source; and

from the federated data source, retrieving data from:

one or more terminal data repositories,
one or more other federated data sources, and